

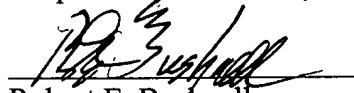
**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-10, 12-14, 16-18, 20, 22, 23, 25-30 and 33 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16, 17, 20, 22, 23 and 25-30 are amended in several particulars for purposes of clarity in accordance with current Office policy, to assist the examiner and to expedite compact prosecution of this application. Claims 3, 7, 11, 15, 19, 21, 24, 31 and 32 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of its subject matter. Claim 33 has been newly added.

In view of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment, this application is believed to be in condition for examination. Should questions arise during examination, the Examiner is requested to contact applicant's attorney.

No fee is incurred by this Amendment. Should there be a deficiency in payment, or should other fees be incurred, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-4943 of Applicant's undersigned attorney in the amount of such fees.

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